

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, 481A.48, and 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 100, "Crow and Pigeon Regulations," Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 100 contains the regulations for hunting crows and pigeons. This amendment allows pigeons to be taken year round as studies show the population can withstand this change. The practical effect of the amendment is that dove hunters will be able to shoot a pigeon while hunting doves. Currently, pigeons cannot be shot with a firearm, the weapon of choice for hunting doves, during the majority of the dove season. Dove season is from September 1 through November 9, and pigeons can only be shot with a firearm beginning October 1.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as **ARC 0719C**. A public hearing was held on May 23, 2013. Ten comments were received from the public during the comment period, and most supported the proposed change in the season. No changes were made from the Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on private sector jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.48.

This amendment will become effective on August 14, 2013.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 100.2(1) as follows:

100.2(1) Pigeon season. There is a continuous open season for the taking of pigeons ~~except the season for taking pigeons with firearms shall be October 1 to March 31. However, within 100 yards of buildings and bridges pigeons may be taken with firearms the year around.~~ No bag or possession limit. Entire state open.

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